Selling Department of the Government Ayurveda Pharmacy.

274 * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA:** With reference to the remarks contained in the Report on the Administration of the Ayurveda Department for 1116, that the "selling department of the Government Ayurveda Pharmacy continued to function with a good profit", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the net profit during 1116 was; and

(*b*) whether, in view of the fact that large quantities of Ayurvedic medicines are being imported to Travancore from outside, the question of making the selling branch of the Government Pharmacy even more popular and profitable has been considered by the Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Rs. 445-20-4.

(*b*) Yes. Every endeavour is being made to popularise the medicines prepared in the Ayurveda Pharmacy and the working of the selling department attached thereto has considerably improved in 1117, as the sale proceeds of medicines during the first 10 months of this year amounted to Rs. 3,022-15-5 against Rs. 2,401-15-13 during the corresponding months of 1116.

Census of the Viswakarma community.

275 * **MR. N. VELU ACHARY** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the total population of the Viswakarma community (the Artisan class of the State) according to the present Census is available; and

(*b*) if so, the number returned under each sub-division known according to their occupation or otherwise?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 5,630 persons have returned themselves as Viswakarmas in the 1941 Census.

(*b*) Occupation by caste is not tabulated.

MR. N. VELU ACHARY: ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു നമംകിയിരിക്കുന്ന മറുപടി വളരെ വിചിത്രമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ആർട്ടിസൻക്ലാസിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട വിശ്വകർമ്മ സമുദായക്കാരുടെ എണ്ണം ഇന്നതാ എന്നാണു കാണുന്നതു്. Artisan class of the State എന്നുള്ളതിനു ബ്രാക്കറ്റിട്ട സെൻസസ് കമ്മീഷണർ എന്താണർത്ഥം എടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I am afraid that the result such as it is, is entirely due to the efforts of the honourable member. (laughter) The question that is asked is whether the total population of the Viswakarma Community which, by the bracketed portion he means the artisan class of the State, is available. It is available and honourable members will realise that on account of the persistent questions of the honourable member, very definite directions were given giving every body the chance to nominate or designate himself as he chose. The honourable member's view was that every body was anxious to call

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